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SECTION I. RELAPSING BENIGN TERTIAN MALARIA

1. Relapsing benign tertian malaria (*P. vivax*) has increased perceptibly in incidence and is causing considerable disability among troops previously parasitized in endemic areas. Atabrine will prevent the relapses of benign tertian malaria in a vast majority of these subjects.

2. The suppressive atabrine therapy (0.1 gram a day) will be maintained until 1 October 1945 -

a. In all patients hospitalized for benign tertian malaria, upon their discharge from hospital.

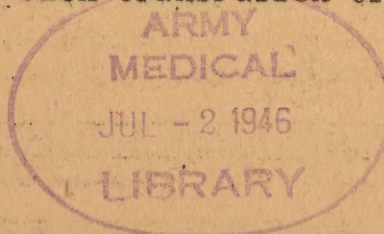
b. In all soldiers with a history of clinical malaria remaining on the Continent, whether hospitalized or not.

3. It is further recommended that the above dosage of atabrine be maintained in all soldiers with a history of benign tertian malaria redeployed to the Zone of Interior or to another Theater of Operations until their arrival at their destination.

SECTION II. HOMOLOGOUS SERUM JAUNDICE

1. Advices from the Surgeon General's Office indicate that gamma globulin, administered parenterally, will protect against homologous serum jaundice. Supplies of gamma globulin will be available in all depots.

2. The recommended dosage of gamma globulin is 10 cc. intramuscularly at the time of each transfusion of plasma or blood.



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SECTION III. SUBSTITUTIONS FOR, AND RESTRICTIONS ON, MEDICAL
ITEMS AUTHORIZED UNITS SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT

1. All units alerted for redeployment to another theater or to the U.S. will take necessary action to comply with instructions given below.

a. Units redeployed either directly or indirectly will use the following listed types of litters only to fill their authorized allowances. No British or captured litters or Item 78840, Litter, Wood, will be taken out of the theater.

9935000	Litter, Straight, Aluminum
9936200	Litter, Folding, Wood
9938000	Litter, Folding, Aluminum
9937600	Litter, Straight, Steel

b. Packet First Aid - Units being redeployed directly to Pacific Areas will be equipped with Item No. 92082, Packet First Aid, Field Brown Dressing, insofar as stocks are available. If stocks are not available such units will be equipped with Item 20300, Packet First Aid (White). Units being redeployed indirectly will be equipped with Item 20300, Packet First Aid (White).

c. Plaster Adhesive Surgical, 1 inch by 5 yards - Item 20300, Plaster Adhesive Surgical, 1 inch by 5 yards (white), or Item 92090, Plaster Adhesive, Field Brown, 1 inch by 5 yards, will be furnished interchangeably for units being deployed directly or indirectly.

2. Exchanges of items presently in hands of units to comply with above instructions will be accomplished through normal medical supply channels.

SECTION IV. VISITS TO CIVILIAN MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

1. Circular Letter No. 30, Off Ch Surg, "Visits to British Medical Institutions", 2 March 1944, is rescinded.

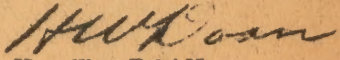
2. U. S. Army Medical Department personnel are prohibited from making direct arrangements for visiting or attending courses of instruction at civilian medical institutions in the United Kingdom or liberated countries. Arrangements will be made only by this office, in accordance with provisions of letter, Headquarters, ETOUSA, AG 352 EdGC, "British School Policy", 13 Jan 45.

3. Facilities have been provided for a variety of courses of instruction in civilian institutions for medical officers and quotas allocated to major subordinate commands. In general, attendance at civilian institutions will be limited to those at which established courses are available. In exceptional cases,

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requests to visit or attend courses at other medical institutions will be forwarded to the Chief Surgeon, APO 887, through technical channels, including the name and location of institution, type and length of desired course, and a statement that the officer will be available to attend.

By order of the Chief Surgeon:


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